NAMES.

A. قثاء

G. Σικυος.

L. Cucumis.

I. Cocomero.

G. Gurcke.

F. Concombre.

S. Cogombro.

D. Comcommer.

GARDEN CUCUMBERS.

PARTS USED.

Seeds only, which are one of the four great cold Seeds.

PREPARATIONS.

None.

PLACE.

Only in Gardens.

TIME.

Summer only: the first Frost destroys em.

DESCRIPTION.

Cucumbers are Vines with Tendrils, whose Stalks 1, grow twisted, and full of sharp Prickles. The Leaves 2 are rough on both Sides, the upper Side is a pleasant green, darker than the under Side. On the Top of the Stalk the Male or fruitless Flower 3. Parts of it, a, b. At the End of the young Fruit 4, which is inclining to the Willow green, is the Female Flower 5. Parts c, d; both of a rich yellow, whose Bottoms on the Outside have the Appearance of Calices, with five Points, being the Bottom-Part of a Monopetalous, or Flower of one Leaf, which is divided into five, sometimes six Parts; looking like so many Leaves: these have on every Division a Rib at the Back, set with short Prickles; the Summits are yellow; the Chives the same; but the Style in the fruitful Flower, and Socket in which it stands, are a pale greenish Cream-Colour. The Fruit when eatable is a fine green next the Stalk, yellow at the Head, which in Stripes intermix with each other; it contains much Moisture, in which are greenish Seeds, that when ripe are grayish, with white Almonds in them.

VIRTUES.

Cucumbers are used as Food more than Medicine, they are cooling and diuretic; the Seeds are useful in Emulsions.

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